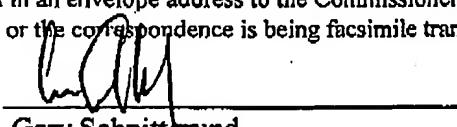


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Application Serial Number: 10/697,149	Filing Date: 10/30/2003	Examiner: Jason Savage		Art Unit: 1775		
Invention: CERAMIC TO NOBLE METAL BRAZE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE						
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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TOTAL CLAIMS	38	MINUS	38	0	\$50	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	4	0	\$200	\$ 0.00
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<u>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</u>						
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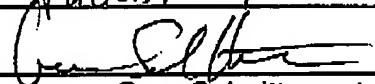
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 01, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1 – 38 are pending in the parent application. Claims 1-38 are rejected. The drawings receipt on October 30, 2003 is acknowledged, but there is no indication if they are accepted or objected to by the Examiner.

Claim 34 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patents: 6,221,513 (hereinafter Lasater); 6,586,675 (hereinafter Bealka); 5,028,495 (hereinafter Hirano); and 6,521,350 (hereinafter Fey).